### **United States District Court**

## Middle District of Tennessee

## Superseding Petition for Summons for Offender Under Supervision [Supersedes Petition Filed as Docket Entry No. 61]

Name of Offender: <u>Anthony Rucker</u> Case N	Tumber: <u>3:09-00228</u>
Name of Sentencing Judicial Officer: Honorable Aleta A. Trau	iger, U.S. District Judge
Date of Original Sentence: May 10, 2010	
Date of Revocation Sentence: February 12, 2013	
Original Offense: 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) Felon in Possession of	<u>f a Firearm</u>
Original Sentence: 24 months' custody and two years' supervision	sed release
Revocation Sentence: Six months' custody and one year super	vised release, with immediate placement in
an inpatient drug treatment program, followed by 90 days in a	halfway house
Type of Supervision: <u>Supervised release</u> Date S	upervision Recommenced: August 9, 2013
Assistant U.S. Attorney: Matthias Onderak Defens	se Attorney: Sumter L. Camp
PETITIONING THE CO	OURT
To Consider Additional Violations/Informat To issue a Summons To issue a Warrant.	ion.
Considered this	I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  Respectfully submitted,  Amanda M. Russell U.S. Probation Officer  Place  Nashville, TN  Date  November 6, 2013

#### **ALLEGED VIOLATIONS**

The information provided in the previous petition, filed as docket entry No. 61, has been amended as follows:

<u>Violation No. 1</u> - has been amended to include an additional positive drug test on October 21, 2013.

The probation officer believes that the offender has violated the following condition(s) of supervision:

#### Violation No. Nature of Noncompliance

1. The defendant shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substance, except as prescribed by a physician.

Since beginning his new term of supervised release, Mr. Rucker has tested positive and admitted using cocaine on five different occasions, each confirmed positive by the testing laboratory.

August 14, 2013 October 15, 2013 September 17, 2013 October 21, 2013 September 20, 2013

When questioned by the probation officer on September 17, 2013, Mr. Rucker reported "snorting" five lines of cocaine in his grandmother's home in Madison, Tennessee, with his cousin. Mr. Rucker reported he has made "poor choices" in his life, but does not want to return to prison.

After his positive drug test on September 20, 2013, Mr. Rucker denied further use of cocaine since just prior to his positive drug test on September 17, 2013. The probation officer requested a nanogram level report from Alere Toxicology Services on October 15, 2013, and it showed the nanogram level had decreased between the positive drug tests on September 17, 2013, and September 20, 2013, which indicates no additional use during that time.

On October 15, 2013, the day Mr. Rucker appeared on his summons, he tested positive for cocaine. He initially denied using cocaine, but after further questioning by the probation officer, Mr. Rucker admitted to "snorting" less than one line of cocaine on October 13, 2013, at a local bar, Gold Wings. When asked by the probation officer why he would "snort" cocaine two days prior to reporting on his summons, Mr. Rucker reported he made, "another stupid mistake."

On October 21, 2013, the day Mr. Rucker reported to the federal halfway house to begin his 90-day placement, he tested positive for cocaine. The urine sample was mailed to the lab for confirmation and, on November 4, 2013, the probation office received lab results which were positive for cocaine.

The probation officer met with Mr. Rucker on November 4, 2013. He reported "snorting" a line of cocaine on October 20, 2013, the day prior to his arrival at the federal halfway house. Again, Mr. Rucker was asked why he would "snort" cocaine one day prior to reporting to the federal halfway house. He reported he made "another stupid mistake" and it would not happen again.

#### **Compliance with Supervision Conditions and Prior Interventions:**

Anthony Rucker is unemployed and presently resides at Diersen Charities, the federal halfway house in Nashville. Mr. Rucker began his new term of supervised release on August 9, 2013, and his supervision is due to terminate on August 8, 2014.

A report was submitted to the Court on June 18, 2012, regarding Mr. Rucker's four positive drug tests for the use of cocaine and admission of alcohol being a "trigger" which caused him to use cocaine. The probation officer requested modification of his special conditions to include electronic monitoring to include an approved alcohol detection component, abstain from the use of alcohol for a period of four months and not enter or remain in any establishment where the primary business is the sale of consumption of alcohol. The Court ordered the addition of the above conditions on June 19, 2012.

A petition was submitted to the Court on September 2, 2012, regarding Mr. Rucker's failure to comply with drug testing as directed, testing positive for cocaine on two different occasions, associating with persons engaged in criminal activity, and failure to pay his special assessment. The Court ordered the issuance of summons on September 26, 2012, and Mr. Rucker was ordered to appear at the U.S. Marshal's Office on or before October 10, 2012. Mr. Rucker appeared on his summons on October 10, 2012, and was released to the same conditions of supervised release, pending his revocation hearing.

A superseding petition was submitted to the Court on October 17, 2012, regarding Mr. Rucker's additional violation behavior of testing positive for cocaine and marijuana, failure to comply with drug testing and participate in substance abuse treatment, and failure to pay his special assessment. On October 18, 2012, the Court ordered the additional violation behavior be considered at his revocation hearing on October 19, 2012. Mr. Rucker's revocation hearing was held on November 19, 2012, and continued to February 11, 2013, for further hearing.

A superseding petition was submitted to the Court on February 8, 2013, for Mr. Rucker's additional violation behavior of testing positive for cocaine on three separate occasions, failure to comply with drug testing as directed, and failure to follow the instructions of his probation officer. On February 11, 2013, Mr. Rucker pled guilty to all violations and his supervised release was revoked. He was ordered to serve six months' custody, followed by one year of supervised release. An additional special condition was added for immediate placement in an inpatient drug treatment program, upon release from Bureau of Prison's custody, to be followed by 90 days in a halfway house.

Mr. Rucker released from custody on August 9, 2013, and entered the 28-day inpatient substance abuse treatment program at Buffalo Valley in Hohenwald, Tennessee, on August 13, 2013. Due to his financial inability to pay for treatment services, the United States Probation Office paid \$3,360.00 for Mr. Rucker to participate in this program.

A report was submitted to the Court on August 22, 2013, regarding Mr. Rucker's violation of testing positive for cocaine on August 13, 2013, at Buffalo Valley, the date of his admission to the program. Mr. Rucker admitted to using cocaine the morning prior to going to Buffalo Valley.

Mr. Rucker successfully completed the 28-day inpatient treatment program on September 10, 2013.

Following his positive drug tests for cocaine on September 17 and September 20, 2013, Mr. Rucker was referred back to Centerstone Mental Health in Madison, Tennessee, on September 26, 2013, for an updated substance abuse assessment and he currently participates in weekly outpatient treatment. It should be noted that Mr. Rucker participated in outpatient substance abuse treatment at Centerstone Mental Health, prior to his revocation, from March 2013 to February 2013.

#### **Update of Offender Characteristics:**

Mr. Rucker entered Diersen Charities Residential Re-Entry Center on October 21, 2013, for his Court ordered 90-day placement. His anticipated release date is January 18, 2014. Your Honor granted the motion, filed by Assistant Federal Public Defender Sumter Camp, on October 29, 2013, requesting to continue Mr. Rucker's revocation hearing set for October 30, 2013, for a period of time to allow Mr. Rucker an opportunity to see how he handles his aftercare participation. His revocation hearing was rescheduled for January 10, 2014.

#### U.S. Probation Officer Recommendation:

It is respectfully recommended that Your Honor set a revocation hearing date sooner than January 10, 2014, given that Mr. Rucker continues to use cocaine, despite every opportunity that has been afforded to him. This new violation has been discussed with Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthias Onderak, who concurs with the recommendation.

Approved:

**Britton Shelton** 

Supervisory U.S. Probation Officer

# SENTENCING RECOMMENDATION UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE UNITED STATES V. ANTHONY RUCKER, CASE NO. 3:09-00228

GRADE OF VIOLATION: C
CRIMINAL HISTORY: IV

ORIGINAL OFFENSE DATE: POST APRIL 30, 2003 PROTECT ACT PROVISIONS

Statutory Guideline Recommended Provisions Provisions Sentence

CUSTODY: 2 years (Class C Felony) 6-12 months No recommendation

18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(3) U.S.S.G. § 7B1.4(a)

SUPERVISED 36 months less any 1-3 years No recommendation

RELEASE: term of imprisonment  $U.S.S.G. \S 5D1.2(a)(1)$ 

18 U.S.C. § 3583(h)

18 U.S.C. § 3583(g)(4) allows for mandatory revocation if the defendant, as a part of drug testing, tests positive for illegal controlled substances more than three times over the course of one year; the Court shall revoke the term of supervised release and require the defendant to serve a term of imprisonment not to exceed the maximum term of imprisonment authorized under subsection (e)(3).

Guideline Policy Statements: Upon a finding of a Grade C violation, the Court may (A) revoke probation or supervised release; or (B) extend the term of probation or supervised release and/or modify the conditions of supervision. U.S.S.G. § 7B1.3(a)(2).

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda M. Russell U.S. Probation Officer

Approved:

**Britton Shelton** 

Supervisory U.S. Probation Officer

#### VIOLATION WORKSHEET

	Defendant Anthony Donnell Rucker	
	Docket Number (Year-Sequence-Defendant No.) 0650 3:09CR00228 - 1	
	District/Office Middle District of Tennessee	
	Original Sentence Date $\frac{5}{month} / \frac{10}{day} / \frac{2010}{year}$	
	Original District/Office(if different than above)	
	Original Docket Number (Year-Sequence-Defendant No.)	
	List each violation and determine the applicable grade (see §7B1.1):	
	Violation(s)	Grade
	Shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled	
	substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substance, except as	
	prescribed by a physician.	C
l	Most Serious Grade of Violation (see §7B1.1(b))	С
•	Criminal History Category (see §7B1.4(a))	IV
1	Range of Imprisonment (see $\S7B1.4(a)$ ) 6 - 12	months
	Sentencing Options for Grade B and C Violations Only (Check the appropriate box):	
	a) If the minimum term of imprisonment determined under §7B1.4 (Term of Imprisonm is at least one month but not more than six months, §7B1.3(c)(1) provides sentencing opt to imprisonment.	
	(b) If the minimum term of imprisonment determined under §7B1.4 (Term of Imprisonme is more than six months but not more than ten months, §7B1.3(c)(2) provides sentencing options to imprisonment.	ent)
	(c) If the minimum term of imprisonment determined under §7B1.4 (Term of Imprisonme is more than ten months, no sentencing options to imprisonment are available.	ent)

Defendant	Anthony Donnell Rucker	
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		ne time of revocation (see §7B1.3(d)):
	5)	Community Confinement
Fine(\$)	7	Home Detention
Other	\$100- special assessment	Intermittent Confinement
	the provisions of §§5D1.1-1.3 (	length, if any, of the term of supervised release see §§7B1.3(g)(1)).
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